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McCamly Plaza and Hotel

\$2.5 million—City Commission approved Oct. 19, 2021

The former McCamly Plaza Hotel downtown has a tough history, and is not being used. The building needs many repairs, and multiple community groups are coming together to bring it back to local ownership, and the large tourism asset it has been. This is a need for our overall economy, drawing people to stay close to Kellogg Arena for events, and the new hotel will partner with Grand Valley State University to help teach hospitality management students.

Kellogg Arena

\$150,000—sports court

\$370,000—operations support

The arena holds many amateur sports events, often multi-day, family events that bring tourism dollars to the community. To support these events, we need to replace the aging sports court—temporary flooring well-suited for sports events, like gymnastics—a sport where we have seen major growth in recent years. These funds also would help support the arena's many other entertainment events and activities.





Public Wi-Fi in city parks—\$40,000

Whether for school, business, or fun, internet connectivity is no longer just an option. We have help provide this by extending the public Wi-Fi in the downtown to our more frequently used public park spaces. This project would include all fiber, hardware, and access points to provide public Wi-Fi in parks like Anybodies Playground at Bailey Park, Claude Evans Park, Piper Park, and Willard Beach.

Diversity, equity, and inclusion officer—\$110,000

In 2021 we started an Equity Audit to review our city work systems related to Human Resources and Police/community relations. We believe one of the outcomes of the audit will be the creation of a diversity, equity, and inclusion officer position to oversee the plan implementation, and guide our work, with intentional focus on racial equity.



Bailey Park electrical/plumbing/lighting—\$300,000

Bailey Park has more than 80 acres, and features three full-size baseball stadiums, two quadra-plex softball/baseball diamonds, four sand volleyball courts, two playgrounds, 12 shuffleboard courts, and the Home Run Dog Park. Parking lot lighting is limited, and presents a safety issue, since events often finish after dark. Upgrades will provide better safety, and better electrical efficiency. If costs allow, we plan additional lighting upgrades and improvements, so that Bailey Park is safer and more enjoyable for all.

Police/spouse wellness program—\$180,000

This would be a three-year commitment to help address police officer mental wellness, allowing healthy officers to serve our community. Daily, our officers are exposed to all types of trauma, and they absorb, and often retain the impacts of that over time. Unlike an obvious work-based injury, which our city has a program to address, we need a similar program to address preventative and holistic health of our officers.

